

## CLAIMS:

1. An image processing system comprising an image processing apparatus, which comprises adding means for adding an image processing command to image data, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, and an image receiving apparatus which receives from said image processing apparatus the image data converted into the file format thus determined, and when the image processing command is added to the image data thus received, performs upon thus received image data an image processing which corresponds to the image processing command thus added,

wherein said image processing apparatus comprises:

a storage unit which stores a file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

judging means for judging whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, and

when said judging means judges that the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, addition by said adding means of the image processing command to the read image data is permitted.

2. An image processing apparatus which comprises

adding means for adding an image processing command to image data, and which reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores a file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

judging means for judging whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit,

wherein when said judging means judges that the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, addition by said adding means of the image processing command to the read image data is permitted.

3. The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 2, comprising sending means for sending the image data converted into the file format thus determined.

4. The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein said sending means sends an electronic mail to which the image data converted into the file format thus determined is attached.

5. The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 3 or 4, wherein the file format which permits addition of the

image processing command to the read image data is a file format in which a destination of the image data can execute the image processing command.

6. The image processing apparatus in accordance with any one of claims 2 through 4, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

7. The image processing apparatus in accordance with any one of claims 2 through 4, comprising determining means for determining in accordance with a load condition whether to add the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said determining means determines to add the image processing command, said judging means judges whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit.

8. An image processing apparatus which comprises adding means for adding an image processing command to image data, and which reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores a file format which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

judging means for judging whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit,

wherein when said judging means judges that the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, addition by said adding means of the image processing command to the read image data is prohibited.

9. The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 8, wherein the file format which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is TIFF (Tagged Image File Format).

10. An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises adding means for adding an image processing command to image data and a controller which performs image processing control including control of said adding means, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats,

wherein said image processing apparatus comprises a storage unit which stores a file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the image data,

said controller judges whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, and

when judging that the file format thus determined is stored

in said storage unit, said controller permits said adding means addition of the image processing command to the read image data.

11. An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises adding means for adding an image processing command to image data and a controller which performs image processing control including control of said adding means, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats,

wherein said image processing apparatus comprises a storage unit which stores a file format which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the image data,

said controller judges whether the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, and

when judging that the file format thus determined is stored in said storage unit, said controller prohibits said adding means from adding the image processing command to the read image data.